



**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 1775**

Claim 17

Claim 17 has been amended to refer to claim 3. Because claim 3 is in condition for allowance, applicant asserts that claim 17 is also in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.


The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (212)425-7200 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees which may be necessary for consideration of this paper to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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